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"The corpse is an echo. The corpus, the body, the chemical aggregate of the organism is an echo. When the creative and sustaining Word is no longer uttered, the echo responds no more. And if the word is one of fear, or anger, or weariness, shall not the echo answer in kind?" - - - - - - - - - Ramon Natalli.

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"ALL AND EVERYTHING"

A Review by Associate Robert A. Walsh

G.I. Gurdjieff was born in Alexandropol, a Greek port on the Aegean Sea on January 1st, 1872. Even at an early age he displayed a keen interest in what is loosely called the supernatural. Becoming baffled at the seeming contradictions between the observed facts of everyday life and the teachings of religion, science and philosophy, he made up his mind to resolve these contradictions for himself and organized a small troup called the "Seekers of Truth." Soon afterwards they began a series of long and arduous journeys which eventually took them to Africa, Persia, Turkestan, Tibet and the Far EAst, including the Indonesian archipelago. They visited monasteries, groups and individuals, in fact anywhere they could find the knowledge they were seeking.

During nearly twenty years of investigation and experiment, Gurdjieff and his "Seekers of Truth," studied and tested practical methods for the development of the psychic and psychological resources of man, most of which are usually latent and considered unnatural and undesirable in the West. A portion of these findings have been published but many are known only to Gurdjieff's disciples, being passed on from mouth to ear.

Returning to Europe from the last of his trips, Gurdjieff opened a school of training, development and research, in which he continued his esperiments and further study of the "28 categories of types existing on earth." Note should be made of the experimental approach which has always beem a part of Gurdjieff's system. He experimented not with things but with human beings and their inner states. His institute had a varied career, but, as a result of two serious accidents, his belief that mankind was facing a period of unusual tension, and the chilling foreboding that his time was short, Gurdjieff closed the institute . He then applied himself with incredible concentration to writing a series of books, hoping thereby to lead more people to an understanding of his teachings and methods.

Gurdjieff's writings are in three series, each corresponding to and confined to separate levels of understanding. The second and third series are available only to those working with authorized teachers. The first series, "All and Everything," is the only one which has been published. The writer of this review is not an authorized teacher.

The first series, "All and Everything," published in 1950, is an extraordinary book, and contrary to the second and third series, is extraordinarily difficult to understand. The subject matter and style are bewildering and the introduction of new terms of grotesque spelling are so frequent that new readers are tempted to quit after a few chapters, despite the warning in the first chapter that they will not find the kind of language (or soothing narcotic) they are accustomed to in other books.

Other barriers are not intellectual but emotional, and arise from the drastic manner in which Gurdjieff deals with the holy cows and sacred con-

cepts in the mind of the average man. It is painful to have our cherished ideas exposed as being false, illusory or capricious, but this happens if the reader continues with Gurdjieff's teachings. The waking-up process on which he places so much emphasis can begin with a serious study of "All and Everything."

The main character in the book is Beelzebub, who revolted from what he thought to be an injustice in the universe and was thereby banished from our solar system. Returning to earth from time to time in a space ship, Beelzebub describes these visits to his grandson, Hassein, and uses the history of mankind on the earth to illustrate the need for developing the power of impartial reasoning and compassion for suffering.

Man is depicted as living in a pathetic, dream-like state where the so-called conscious part of him is out of touch Reality. Even when he is awake in the usual sense, man spends most of his waking hours in a state that is a semi-trance or a complete trance. His actions correspond not to the actions of a fully awakened, responsible Being, but to the actions of an automaton or mechanical man. Even worse, these "three-brained-beings" as Beelzebub describes us (p.p. 146, 441, 480, 491, 777-80, etc.) have learned to trust the guidance of the part that lives in this trance-like state and do not know how to enter into, or experience actual consciousness.

Thus, even those three-brained beings who feel in moments of real consciousness that something is wrong, and who see the need to change themselves, are able to work only with a dream-self where no permanent change or transformation can take place. Perhaps here is one answer to the common experience of esoteric students reading book after book, studying with cult after cult -- the "whirling dervishes of the occult" in their search for perfection or enlightenment.

The reason, Beelzebub tells Hassein, for the existence of this deplorable condition where man lives almost entirely in a dream state, is because of the presence in our remote ancestors of an organ called Kundabuffer (p.p. 85-90, 111-114, 353-9 etc.) The effect of its presence has resulted in an inherent disposition in modern man towards self-deception and the inability to see himself as he really is.

Most readers reject this as being absurd and it is natural for them to do so. Even Beelzebub himself warns Hassein that the pictures he gives of man "doubtlessly seem to you the fruit of the fantasies of an afflicted mind." And it is only after long periods of observation of our mental, physical and emotional actions -- without emotional bias, known in the system as Self Observation -- that we readers begin to see the truth in Beelzebub's statement.

There are sections in the book which state that man's actions are merely reactions, that men are mechanical, automatic and without inner direction. These statements are particularly disturbing to most readers. In "The Search For The Miraculous" no less a disciple than Ouspensky tells of his decision to "stay awake" (remain in a state of self awareness) for a certain period of time in order to test Gurdjieff's teaching, and his own inner power and force to do so. Two hours later he found himself in a strange section of St. Peters-

burg without the slightest recollection of how he got there and of what had transpired in the meantime. Yet readers with not one tenth of Ouspensky's knowledge and development have the vanity to believe that they can stay awake, that their actions are not mechanical, and that Gurdjieff is wrong and undoubtedly a black magician for suggesting such outrageous ideas. Were Darwin, Galileo and Copernicus also black magicians?

But those who follow Gurdjieff's teachings come to realize how delightfully easy it is to drug ourselves with imagination, to dream colorful lies about ourselves. In another reference Gurdjieff describes people acting and imagining they are peacocks when they are really "old turkeycocks." The blunt truth is that a turkeycock can never become a peacock, but our imagination tricks us into believing that some day -- in some purple mist of tomorrow -- it will be possible. But the most harmful feature of this wrong use of imagination Beelzebub says, is the waste of time and precious energy -- time and psychic energy wasted forever, gone "down the sink" as a result of living in a trance-like state the major part of our lives. The shocking total of this can be learned by Self Observation. By being content to imagine something instead of striving to be something we waste the psychic energy and force which could be used to raise ourselves to a higher level of existenct.

Thus, if we are old turkeycocks we should not strive to become inaginary peacocks but instead become the best turkeycocks in existence. If we are peacocks, strive to become the most resplendent peacock in existence.

Perhaps the most chilling part of the teachings, particularly to those who have studied other systems, is Gurdjieff's insistence on the necessity of realizing and experienceing our own "nothingness," before beginning the process of becoming "something." In other schools this equates with "the dark night of the Soul" and is considered an advanced stage on the path. The process of being taken apart and reduced to a "nothingness" by a teacher before being put back together again, minus an accumulation of physical, mental and emotional debris, is so painful that few of those who have cut their spiritual teeth on less drastic systems, ever complete the process.

Why dont they? Because they refuse to recognize the need for it. It is so much easier to read book after book, attend lecture after lecture, anything to avoid getting down to the difficult task of "working on oneself." The end result after years of study is that these advanced students cannot contain their wandering minds for twelve seconds. It is much easier and more pleasant for them to imagine they are peacocks -- or advanced students -- or even great souls -- whatever their private conceits are, than to do thirty minutes of work "on oneself."

Gurdjieff met hundreds of such in his travels and in "All and Everything" he states categorically that the most universal and undesirable factor encountered by him in his long quest, is that which manifests as vanity and self-conceit. So he announces his determination:

"To quarrel ruthlessly with all manifestations dictated in people by the evil factor of vanity present in their beings."

To some extent Gurdjieff's life is one of tragedy. He saw years of work and preparation broken to pieces by the ravages of two world wars. He saw Gurdjieff the man and his teachings maligned and misunderstood, particularly by those who would not venture out of their comfortable illusions to test his teachings.

It should be noted here that the central and significant part of his teachings, with the exception of one part called the Reciprocal Maintenance of Everything Existing, can be tested, accepted or rejected by anyone who will take the trouble to try them out.

"All and Everything" is not easy to read or to accept. At times it seems incomprehensible, particularly to those studying without a teacher. Yet I believe it can be done and those who are able to master its peculiar style come to realize that Gurdjieff has given to mankind a body of truths. When properly used these enable the reader to divest himself of illusions about himself and his place in the world. Moreover, Gurdjieff shows what man must do so that "things will be done by him and not to him."

Gurdjieff died in 1949. Before passing on he discussed the difficulties confronting his disciples and indicated that another teacher would follow him. In 1957, J.G.Bennett, highly respected by Gurdjieff's followers for his intellectual and spiritual attainments, said that he believed the new teacher was incarnated in the body of Pak Subuh, an Indonesian mystic. Other equally respectable disciples of Gurdjieff do not share Bennett's enthusiasm for Subud, and continue to follow the traditional methods of the system.

If it develops that Bennett is right, it is the writer's view that the coming of Subud marks the end/beginning of a Time Cycle in the teachings. There is a striking parallel of this kind in the history of Buddhism; that is, the change from the spartan-like methods of early Theravada Buddhism to the more readily accepted Mahayana Buddhism, i.e. the change from regeneration by personal effort to regeneration by grace.

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Your editor wonders if Gurdjieff didn't have in mind those metaphysical dabblers who like to read and read and read when he wrote "All and Everything." It rambles on and on for one thousand two hundred and thirty eight pages! It was published by Routledge & Kegan Paul, Ltd.,London, 1950. We do not have any to sell here at Headquarters. I challenged Associate Walsh to come up with a readable review of "All and Everything" and I think he did a good job. There seems to be considerable interest in this controversial teacher among our members so there will undoubtedly be more about him, pro and con. One Associate claims to have studied with him in New York and also to have spent some time at Gurdjieff's Chateau school at Fontainebleau, France. Her experiences should be of interest to all of us. When she and I can get together and reduce them to readable writing they'll be published in Round Robin. "Men and women with pronounced critical faculties and a marked intelligence became his pupils," wrote Rom Landau in 'God Is My Adventure,' "Many of them parted ways with him, but they all admitted that Gurdjieff was one of the real spiritual experiences in their lives."

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NOTES ON "THE KINGDOM OF PAN"

By an Angel Teacher

An article in the last Round Robin (Jan-Feb'60) "Underground Exploration In Europe" contained firsthand, clairvoyant descriptions of fauns and satyrs by Geoffrey Hodson. During his investigations he was disturbed by the sardonic appraisal of a being whom he at first took to be a discarnate human. On closer observation Mr. Hodson realized that he was being investigated in turn! By a member of the Kingdom of Pan! This individual, leaning nonchalantly against an astral tree, in dark clothes, heavily bearded, and with two little horns curling up out of his black, wavy hair, was watching Mr. Hodson with cool detachment. Hodson writes that the next day, he had this experience early in June, 1925, an angel or deva friend gave him a little instruction on the Kingdom of Pan, and on the Great One whose physical body is the earth. These excerpts are drawn from Geoffrey Hodson's little book "The Kingdom of Faerie" long out of print.

"The Kingdom of Pan is slowly passing away as far as human consciousness on this planet is concerned. It is a remnant of a period buried deep in the night of time, belonging indeed to a previous epoch. Some of its more promising members are given the opportunity of entering the human kingdom, and he whom you described was such an one. The thought of what lay before him was in his mind as he stood appraising you (Mr. and Mrs. Hodson) as members of the kingdom which he is about to enter.

"When you exercise your ability to pierce the veil which generally hides the fairy people from men it has the effect of opening a way also from their side so that they too can see you more clearly. As you work, studying fairy life and exercising your clairvoyance, certain forces are brought into play which they see as a radiance enveloping you; and it is this which attracts their attention and causes them to stop and scrutinise you, in the way which you have often noticed. Though normally the nature-spirit is not interested in human beings, he is instinctively attracted to any one who shows special interest and understanding, particularly when that one is able to see him -- a phenomenon which is sufficiently unusual to arrest his attention."

THE SPIRIT OF THE EARTH

"All those things that you call Nature -- tree- flower, corn, root, grass, mountain, valley, hill and dale -- are expressions of the life of the Great One, who has this earth as a physical body. You may think of rock as the skeleton and soil as the flesh, rivers as the blood vessels, the water of the rivers and the seas as the blood and the magnetic currents as flowing along the nerves of his body -- the vegetation bearing the same relation to that body as hair does to yours.

"You are right in supposing that the Kingdom of Pan is included within it, though you still have much to learn of its place therein. Pan manifested, is an uprush of earth consciousness, a relatively active expression of that which

is normally quiescent.

"The Spirit of the Earth expresses itself through the earth as a form or vehicle, but not as we of the human and deva kingdoms do, by its movement and activity so much, as through the growth and development of its natural products. In saying this, we must not forget that the revolution of the earth on its axis and its journey in its orbit around the sun constitute a form of movement, which also bears its part in the expression and evolution of the consciousness of the Spirit of the Earth, as if you expressed yourself by the growth and movement of your body alone. This mighty consciousness is spread equally throughout the globe and has its center or heart in the middle of the earth, and subsidiary centers in other parts, in relationship with particular areas on the surface. It is in these areas or force centers of the Spirit of the Earth that the great civilizations gather. Egypt, for example, is one; Shamballah is another; there is another in India, one in central Europe, one in Ireland -- others where there are seas now, to be used by the humanities of the future.

"The hierarchies are aware of these centers and make use of them for the furtherance of their work. The Spirit of the Earth is an evolving being, as the globe is an evolving form, which passed through all degrees of density and having reached the deepest point, has started its upward journey. The changes in the vegetation, the gigantic growths of the primeval forests, the developments of new species -- of tree, cereal, fruit and flower -- all these are expressions of the evolving consciousness of the Spirit of the Earth. It sums up into a unity that portion of the One Life that is behind all manifested form on this earth, and in that sense it is a representative of the Logos. That stretching out of the tree consciousness which you sensed the other evening results from the upward pressure of its evolving life, just as do the volcano and the flood. From another point of view, the Spirit of the Earth is the lens focussing the life of the Logos and expressing it as the ceaseless and resistless urge, the driving power which, being behind all form, produces growth, and without which there would be stagnation. The expression of its consciousness however is not limited to the vegetable and animal kingdoms; it has produced other forms, neither human nor animal it is true, but partaking of the appearance of both: these are the creatures of Pan. Strange and weird though they may appear to you, they are the natural expressions of certain aspects of its consciousness; you might almost regard faun and satyr as the Earth's play, or perhaps being the result of certain experiments it has made.

FAUN AND SATYR WERE THREE DIMENSIONAL ONCE

"In remote ages of the past, before the development of mind, these creatures of Pan were more objective, more material, did indeed roam the earth, and were occasionally contacted by primitive, Arcadian man. As the great changes began to occur, which the development of emotion and mind wrought in human life, Pan was no longer a desirable associate, and was therefore withdrawn from the material plane; but he still exists and may still be found as you have proved.

"The time may yet come in later days when the association will be resumed. Pan was on the downward arc when his cycle and that of humanity touched one another in the past. In the future, when the corresponding point is reached in the next cycle, Pan will be on the path of return.

"Amongst the many great changes that are occurring, one will arise as the result of what might be described as a stirring of the Spirit of the Earth within its form, a stirring which will bring certain aspects of its life nearer to the surface and more nearly within the reach of human consciousness. The effects of this will be many. One will be to draw men nearer to Nature, and so to keep them simple amid the ever-increasing complexity which is such a strongly marked characteristic of the present phase of human development. Contact with it will tend to develop the mystic side of human consciousness, and it will exercise a co-ordinating, synthesising and unifying influence upon man. All these developments, though apparently the results of many streams of life, are timed to take place at certain particular periods; for behind the diversity, behind even the Spirit of the Earth, there is the One Will which omnipotent, the One Mind which is omniscient and the One Life which is omnipresent, and coordinated by this evolution proceeds irresistibly, perfectly, and in an ordered procession of events, on its majestic way."

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Your editor enjoyed this impersonal, objective comment on the Earth and its interior life. It throws a little more light on the Shaver mystery. I believe that the publication of Shaver's stories in a national magazine in 1945 and 46 was one result of this stirring within the Earth bringing "certain aspects of its life nearer to the surface." The possible transfer of certain beings from Pan to the human kingdom may also give us a working hypothesis for explaining why some persons seem to have such an affinity for underground exploration.

The Angel Teacher also refers to a strong "back to Nature" movement among civilized men in the Western world, as a result of a stirring of the Spirit of the Earth. Judge Hatch commented on this in one of his letters written through Elsa Barker in 1917. It is in Chapter 17 of "The Last Letters of a Living Dead Man."

"I advise America to cultivate the free life of the open. I have told you in a former book that the old woodcraft should be resuscitated and taught to the children. There may come a time when the rudiments of this knowledge will be useful to many of you. Great changes are coming in the world, a period of adjustment to new conditions. There is arestless element in all adjustment, and national adjustment is like that of puberty; it needs to be minimized by healthful outdoor play, or by work which masquerades as play."

The Judge's "advice" has now become a national flood which overwhelms parks highways and farmland! Consider this item from the Los Angeles Times for Dec. 20, 1959. It is taken from Al Johns' "Down To Earth" column.

"Californians, particularly those of the Southland, are leading the race back to the country, according to Robert M. Chamberlain, president, United Farm Agency. He claims his firm sold $40 million worth of 'little country places' last year, about 90% of them to city dwellers desiring refuge from the clack and clank of city living. . . One point of view is. . . to have as many as two hinterland homesteads, one in the desert for winter, the second for summer at the mountain or seashore."

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JESUS, OR APOLLONIUS?

By Associate Howard D. Clark

It is not with any sense of mission or mandate that I take part in the question of whether or not Apollonius of Tyana was Christ, nor am I concerned with the "origins of Christianity" and who first promulgated this or that precept. I was somewhat amused at the idea of spirit communication, which would contradict long recorded annals, being taken in ponderous solemnity, especially when not all mediumistic messages are considered 100% authentic by all persons at all times on all matters.

It seems that the book, "Antiquity Unveiled," by J.M.Roberts, is based on the mediumship of one Alfred James. Has this argument not been resolved during the three quarters of a century since the book brought it up? The pertinent data has been openly and freely available thsse many centuries. It does seem that what the book unveils hasn't brought any upsets of consequence.'

I mentioned all this during a visit with the owner of a fine research library. I also spoke of Bulwer-Lytton's "Last Days of Pompeii," in which he belittles Apollonius because of the latter's fabulous reputation for magic, for which the Bulwer-Lytton of 1834 had little use, even as some today. Hence his gripe. By the time I had finished these remarks I was in books up to here'.

In one, the king-sized "Phoenix" by Manly Palmer Hall, (1931-32, p.113) the fame of Apollonius is amply justified in an extensive biographical sketch. Born A.D.16 the precocious youth soon outdistanced his teachers, took Pythagorean vows at age 16 and became an adept with powers of magic for which he was noted far and wide during his long life. (It willbe noted that he was 16 at about A.D.32, the period of Chrit's public career.)

To quote from the "Phoenix": "In 'Isis Unveiled' H.P.Blavatsky declares that the story of Apollonius' travels in the Far East as narrated by his constant companion, Damis, to be also an allegorical record of his initiation into the ancient mysteries of several schools of which he was an illustrious adept. This narrative is perpetuated in the Philostratus, a work compiled under the patronage of the Empress Damna, wife of (Emperor) Septimus Severus. At that time the entire imperial house was concerned with the occult sciences. . . held Apollonius as little less than a god. It is written of Severus that he placed the statue of Apollonius in his oratory together with those of Jesus Christ, Abraham. . ." *

We dont know whether severus believed either or both Apollonius and Christ to be mythical and it is not too important. They were both out of the flesh a couple of generations since, not so long at that. There can be no reason to underrate Apollonius. His very fame is pertinent to the question. He was much too prominent as an eminent pagan philosopher to have preached "heresy" anywhere unnoticed. Born to wealth and position, his life was cast from youth in circles of prominence with courts, notables, luxury. According to Hall he had an important influence on the Roman Empire through its rulers and should be remembered as a very great philosopher and magician, his beliefs well documented,

never on record for taking up the cudgel for the persecuted Christians or for especially sympathetic common touch with the common herd as both Jews and Romans viewed them. So, according to "Antiquity Unveiled" he comes back to say: "The Christian gospels were all preached by me. . . at Jerusalem. . . Rome. ." I wish he had explained how he kept Nero and others from feeding him to the lions, an outdoor sport at the time, famously known as he was. In fact he was so well-heralded that he was "tried" by Domitian in Rome on suspicion that his occult powers, learning and prominence might make him prominent enough to offer a hazard to the regime but he easily outsmarted the questioners.

Those who preached the Christian heresy didn't do so well. If Apollonius did preach it at Jerusalem the Pharisees must have been out of town. There was nothing obscure about the travels of the celebrated Pythagorean teacher, medium and clairvoyant. Further, it is a matter of record of his travels that he was "everywhere except to Judea." According to data available, if Apollonius had turned Christian while he was still around to preach about it, that would have made headlines on all the clay tablets, not just Dan to Beersheba but Rome to Alexandria!

But we need more than mere reasoning. Fortunately there is proof as final as human documents considered sacred can be final, that the man Jesus lived and preached the Gospels. If excerpts from documents of this order are not final enough it will be in order to re-examine them. In addition to time and place of origin, their authenticity is emphasized in the fact that Jesus is anathema to the recorders, hated as one they would prefer to wish away, but he was there so perforce they had to deal with him.

Among other books available in this reference library was: "The Christ Question Settled," by J.M.Peebles, M.D., published by Peelbes Institute of Health, Battle Creek, Michigan. (3rd ed, 1909, copyright 1898.) Dr. Peebles, author of a dozen listed titles, Spiritualist, severe critic of current trends in his sect, became aroused over "Antiquity Unveiled." He calls his 370 page refutation "A Symposium" joined in by eight notables of the 1890s to argue out the question of Jesus, man or myth. Included are Rabbi Issac M. Wise and Col. Robert G. Ingersoll, with some who were doubters on general principles. A more mutually hostile group could scarcely be assembled in one book.

As for Roberts, author of "Antiquity Unveiled," Dr. Peebles at first felt more sorrow than anger and tried the fatherly approach through correspondence. "This," says Dr. P., "only elicited coarse denunciations." Failing in all friendly efforts to talk things over with Mr. Roberts, Dr. Peebles gives the works in heated rhetoric to Roberts, his medium and all their ilk. Says Dr. P., (p. 130) "I went to see his medium, Alfred James. . . I found a weakling of very little moral or intellectual capacity. . . His wife told me in his presence that she had married him to keep him out of the gutter as a drunkard, to which he weakly assented." (note: It WAS done in those days.) "It was apparent however," says Dr. P., "that he would be a good passive subject for hypnotism and it was in that way that he was used to embody the rash ideas of Mr. Roberts and such spirit influences as he could bring. He had attempted to play the medium in Brooklyn but was detected and seized with his disguises on his person and the last I heard of him was the statement from Philadelphia that he had joined the Methodist church." Mr. P., didn't think

much of James as a medium. For evidence of man, not myth, Dr. P. properly goes to the opposition and the secular historians of the time of Christ and the near following years.

Would Roman historian Tacitus, born 55 A.D., and seemingly a man of qualities, be so misled as to say for posterity, "They (the Christians) had their denomination from Christus who, in the reign of Tiberius was put to death as a criminal by the Procurator Pontius Pilate. This superstition was thus for awhile suppressed, only to break out afresh, not merely throughout Judea where the evil originated but throughout Rome also where things atrocious and disgraceful congregate. . . " (Tacitus, Ann., lib XV. ch 44). Proponents of the myth man have even claimed that the above passage was forged into Tacitus' work by monks!

Rabbi Isaac M. Wise, German Jew, linguist, Hebraic expert, archaeologist, was president of Hebrew Union College at Cincinnati at the time of Dr. Peebles' project. The Talmud, as Dr. P. was told, "consists of the teachings of the principal rabbis from a short time before the time of Jesus to a period several centuries later. Jesus is named twenty times in the Talmud, being designated as Jesus the Nazarene, etc. The Talmud names his brother James, the disciples Matthew, James. . . his mother Mary and Mary Magdalene. It alludes to his crucifixion at 33 years of age, his supposed royal descent, his practice of sorcery, the healing in his name by his disciples. . . his mingling of heresy with the true Jewish doctrine, his proclaiming himself heir of the kingdom and his execution on the rest day before the Sabbath at the Passover Time." (Quoted from Rabbi Isaac M. Wise, p.43.)

Rabbi Wise, in his "History of the Hebrews' Second Commonwealth," says: "The compilations of the Mishna commenced by Hillel about 25 B.C. and continued by Rabbi Akiba in the first century. . . The New Testament and the part of the Talmud to which we refer are the products of the same age. . . Jesus had commenced his public career as a popular teacher in Galilee and embraced the cause of the anti-priesthood. . . Like John he preached repentance. . . he was too young to find acknowledgement or have many admirers. A few disciples of the lower class of people had congregated around him. . . according to the Talmud Jesus spent some years in Egypt with a teacher called Rabbi Joshua and learned there also the art of necromancy." (HebSecCommonwealth, Ch.XXI, p.259.)

The persistent Dr. P. quotes from personal interviews with Rabbi Wise in his college library; he sought out and put on the spot almost every prominent rabbi of the time, all with the result that no Jew of authority believes other than in the physical existence of Jesus the man as written by their own eyewitness scribes. The fierce denunciations of Jesus written by hearers could scarcely be about a disgusting myth. That matter could as well be argued with the Jews now as at the time of Dr. Peebles.

If the Talmud and the voluminous Jewish writings can't be wished away as fiction, what becomes of the Apollonius story? With them would go the foundations of Jewry.

For what it is worth, Dr. Peebles did follow up via mediumship and psychometry on his quest for information. He quotes too many mediums known around the

turn of the century to mention and claims that they uniformly refuted not only the mediumship of Alfred James but found that Mr. Roberts was "obsessed" and according to a Mrs. Simpson, "would have to spend some time in an asylum" due to a mental condition. Seance data included even the return of the shade of Apollonius through a Mrs. Shirley, "a cultured, trustworthy medium to say in a long communication ending with the following: 'Misinformed and ill-advised Spiritualists of your day have sought to confound my identity with the identity of the greatest of all spirits, namely, that of Jesus, the great Nazarene. Such endeavors are irreverent and exhibit great ignorance as to facts and dates." Perhaps this phase can be turned over to the Battle of the Mediums, Dept., or which medium is whicher.

With apologies for its length, this sketch may be justified by the universality of the topic and can scarcely touch on the masses of evidential data not involved with the theological side.

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Your editor hopes the Associates enjoy reading Howard Clark's rebuttle to Associate Winston's excerpts from "Antiquity Unveiled," of which the next instalment follows immediately. I was glad Clark qualified his quotation from Tacitus with a reference to meddling monks. In view of the Catholic Church's absolute control of learning through the Middle Ages any "authority" advanced by this body should be accepted with extreme caution. The same questioning attitude should be used in reviewing the propaganda of members of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin. These master deceivers have gotten great numbers of people in the Western world to believe that the Jews are God's chosen people'. I believe God has one chosen race, and that is the human race.

To me there is one sure guarantee of the validity of the messages contained in "Antiquity Unveiled," and that is in the zealous determination of the Jesuit priesthood in seeking out all available copies and destroying them. If you are interested in this subject I might remind you to return again to your copy of Dr. Ostby's "The Result." This 48-page brochure of "selected references dealing with the origin of the New Testament, from the works of reliable historians" was heartily recommended to Associates in 1954 by Meade Layne. Let's read again one or two of his thoughts on it:

"The range of quotations, references and general reading over the field of 'Christian evidences' and the whole background is very extensive, and chosen with surety of touch and devastating effects. It makes the case for the origin of the "historical" Jesus in the Hesus Christos of the Nicean Council, 325 A.D. plus the great repute of Apollonius of Tyana. Do not think this little book dull because of its subject matter -- not if you have the least interest in the never-ending struggle of free minds against the iniquities of priestcraft. I only wish the Doctor 's 'Results' could be converted into the thoughts and acts of millions, who are likely to have to arrive at them by some hard and slow road of disillusionment." (CQC.B.2, Jan.15, 1954) We have only a couple of reference copies here at Headquarters. If you want "The Result" send a buck to Associate F.R.Bartholomew, 2501 Irving Ave. So., Minneapolis 5, Minnesota. He inherited Dr. Ostby's library and output when the good doctor passed away a couple of years ago and may still have a few copies.

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EXCERPTS FROM "ANTIQUITY UNVEILED"

(Continued from RR XV - 7)

Spirit communications atesting to the fact that Apollonius of Tyana was the Jesus of the Christian Scriptures, prepared by Associate Alice Winston.

COMMUNICATION FROM ORIGENES, OR ORIGEN, CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN A CHRISTIAN FATHER

Sir: Many persons will ask this question, why do you and the spirits coming through this medium constantly agitate the question: Did Jesus Christ really live? To those who are free from this, or at least many of them, it makes no difference. But to the millions held in slavery to this soul-killing doctrine of redemption by his blood, this question is of vital importance.

Centuries have elapsed since I entered spirit life. I was reared a pagan. I embraced this doctrine in my mortal life, (Christianity) but realized the foolishness of all its teachings before I entered spirit life. I regret that I ever wrote one sentence toward fostering and upholding the so-called Christian religion. The misfortune has been this. The Christian priesthood have been careful to destroy all my written denunciations of it, at least as far as they possibly could.

I was young when I first heard of Christianity. It appealed to my ardent nature so strongly that it subjected my reason to a passion for religion, and especially for that religion. But, as I matured in years, I became perfectly aware of the weak points of Christianity and the more I studied it the weaker the fabric became. And because I am an infidel to that foolish teaching I was accused by my contemporaries of having relapsed into paganism. By the Great Divine, I heartily wish I had never had anything to do with Christianity.

I am called one of the Christian Fathers. I deny that statement, because I do not want to be understood as the father of any religion. All religions are founded upon untruths and they must and will go down together. I here declare that Christianity and paganism are identical, for one is the outgrowth of the other.

All the evidence I could collet in my mortal life about their so-called Jesus convinced me that no such person ever lived and turned me against the Christian religion. I could find no evidence as to the existence or place of the birth of the Christ. There was not a scrap of authentic evidence to be found as late as the year 180 of the Christian era that afforded any reliable information in relation to this so-called Jesus Christ. The whole of the narratives in relation to such a person were derived from the Greek and Egyptian god-makers. I believed as a mortal and as a spirit, and I now know to be a fact there never has been and there never will be, so far as I can learn, any interference whatever between God and man. But men and women have been interfered with by spirits, many of them with good purposes -- but legions of them are the devils of the spirit life. It is these poisoned and darkened human

spirits that hang like a whip of scorpions over the earth, to lash mortals for the errors they have made and are still propagating. I have acquired a true knowledge of these things as a spirit, therefore I affirm that I have made this communication honestly and have told the truth and nothing but the truth, as I hope for eternal happiness. I was known when here as Origen.

End of Communication

COMMUNICATION FROM COSMOS INDICOPLEUSTES, GREEK GEOGRAPHER AND ANTIQUARIAN

May we be blessed in the service of Truth. I lived in the Sixth Century and was a traveller. I am known in connection with what is called the Adulian Marble. It is claimed this marble has inscribed upon it the life and career of Ptolemy Euergetes. Such is not the fact. I was the first one to call this to the notice of the learned of my day. The real facts of the case are these. I did not know them as a mortal, but I now understand them as a spirit.

Upon that Marble are the keys to the Christian religion. That is, the symbols are there. The learned of today treat this Marble as if it were the history of a single king, when in reality it contains all such things as the doctrine of the Trinity, the Communion, the blood of Bacchus, the Feast of the Goddess Ceres, and other things analogous to the Christian doctrines and observances. But the Christian priesthood are blind to things which they know to be true. They will never read inscriptions right, especially things that are dangerous to their infernal superstition. But, light will be thrown upon these things. If mortals do not stand up to their duty, truthful spirits will. We want no interference by priests with the truth. Even now, in the excavations of ancient ruins the priesthood are continually manufacturing plates, in imitation of ancient ones, to support the Old Testament. Their operations should be more closely watched by spiritualists and materialists. No tricks are too dark for them if such will help to prolong their power. If this communication is thought upon and acted upon it will do a vast amount of good. I am Cosmos Indicopleustes, a Greek in my day.

End of Communication

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"ANGELS OF LIGHT AND DARKNESS"

By Associate G.N.Halloway

That phrase of Origen's at the top of the page "spirits that hang over the earth like a whip of scorpions, to lash mortals for the errors they have made" seems like an appropriate cue to review Dr. Holloway's latest publication. He and his wife head the New Age Church and School of Truth, 2020 NW 7th St., Miami 35, Florida. Price of the 28-page book is $1.25. For much of this timely book is concerned with the eternal problem of obsessing entities and how to drive them out of the bodies of their unwilling, or willing, hosts. The emphasis on technique is not that of occultism but of Christian doctrine.

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JEFFERSON AND LAFAYETTE

From Claudas

On Aug. 30, 1958 Peggy LeGrand received, via automatic writing, a second message from one who identified himself as Thomas Jefferson:

"I want so much to bring all my knowledge to you concerning this new School idea. I wish to give you the benefit of all my dreams and plans and study, and of my own experience with the founding of a system of education badly needed in my time and again in yours. I also wish to work with you to preserve the individuality of our young people; for it is too late to domuch with the older generations, save those few whose minds are tuned to incoming Forces of the New Age.

"I was very keenly aware of your contacts with my dear friend and President, George Washington, and another good friend and President, Abraham Lincoln. Our minds, Lincoln's and mine, ran much along the same lines. We had many similar ideals; and since he achieved what I tried to achieve and could not, I was very much elated to find him working with a mind close to mine. I made contact with him soon after his transition; but, as he has told you, he has not stayed with us on the planes on which we now labor. His work could be better done elsewhere.and he sacrifices much to remain in Washington as he does. But he was never one to shirk a duty that took toll of his own comfort and progress -- outward progress; for not anything could stay the inner progress of this great soul.

"We must try now to get you into the environment of my old home at Monticello, for once there the work can begin. I shall pour into your consciousness all that I know that will further the establishment of the schools so sorely needed for what lies ahead of humanity. I shall send you ideas that you can translate into books, articles or speeches, as you will; but I beg you to give them out as speedily as may be, that they may manifest as action and become concrete edifices of learning. Our schools must make again true patriots and statesmen who are able to guide their people through perilous times to safety and peace. I will help you find a home."

And find a home for her he did, Claudas writes, "some ten miles from Monticello but not yet in the right place for the work." She must have more room than she now has where she is staying at Charlottesville. And she should be with people who understand her work. The vibrations of the Monticello area are easily felt there and her work has gone forward in spite of the handicaps. Before she moved there her mentors had hinted there was an etheric city above that part of Virginia. Jefferson confirmed it soon after she moved to the area in late November, 1958.

"I am more than happy to welcome you to the old locality in which I 'lived and moved and had my being' when I walked the earth. You are near enough to my Monticello to absorb the wonderful ethers of the place and all that made it so dear to my heart. I was well aware that the vicinity was a most propitious one, though I did not then understand much about it that I do now. Even

then it was a magnet for advanced thinking. It was and still is under the aegis of certain powerful Intelligences, and anyone who enters the environment and is by nature attuned to it, may partake of the power that is spread about for many miles in all directions." On Dec. 10th Jefferson again came through with more information about her new environment.

"You are aware of what has been impressed upon your superconscious mind. We are always sensitive to what is similar to our inner feelings, desires or aspirations. You are attuned to the beautiful and the etheric as a poet is apt to be, and you have sensed the presence of such things in the environment in which you are now living.

"Yes, my dear friend, there is indeed an airy city above all that portion of Virginia, extending from Monticello to points some distance away in all directions. Etheric you call it. I was not aware of the term in my day, nor did I know anything of this consciously. I only knew that my mind was caught up in wonderful circles and brought into contact with much unusual thought when I was in that vicinity. It was there that I always found myself, my true thoughts and highest impulses. I was inspired when I stepped foot on the soil of my beloved Monticello, and also when I moved over all that part of Virginia.

VIRGINIA ETHERIA

"This etheric city, I am told, is older than Earth itself, and peopled with beings so far beyond humanity that we can only look upward in imagination and feel wonder and awe at their development. We are admiring of the mentality of great men of Earth, but admiration is not enough to give these Intelligences; for they are creatures so pure, so good, so wise and so wonderful that all who come near them in thought are lifted to the heights.

"They are not as the Etherians who have habitations above water or in certain other elements. These are of the mountains and are as lofty in their evolution as the loftiest mountains appear to men.

"At this time there is a great surge of power being sent out from these beings to Earth below, and anyone who can use this power is welcome to partake of it. Keep your mind open to all lofty mental impulses and you will contact their thought. Mental impulses, not emotional. I do not mean to be cold or unfeeling. Love is no stranger to these Souls, but is pure Mind with which they work most, and on the mental plane one is closer to them than on any other, save of course, the plane of spirit. Their love is impersonal, more so than man's, yet devoted and beautiful in its own way. It is not enmeshed in small emotions as is so much of Earth love. It soars as the winds soar, as birds soar in the higher airs; as our own emblem, the eagle soars.

"So much that is wonderful and inspiring will sweep down from the mountains to your mind if you keep your mind open to it. Ask, and you will receive. Make contact with these superb Intelligences by means of a conscious effort.

Your friend and most obedient servant,
Thomas Jefferson"

A GENERAL ON WASHINGTON'S STAFF

Some weeks earlier, feeling the familiar urge to take pen in hand Claudas wrote an "Mo" and then changed the "o" to an "i" and then stopped. She thought a message from Mistyrion was coming through. The writing continued:

"No, 'Monsieur' dear Madame. You would not let me guide your hand. I wish now to speak to you, and beg once more to be allowed to come into your Circle of Three as a co-worker and friend. Will you grant me this great privilege? I see your assent and thank you.

"You wish to know me for who and what I am, Madame, and I will now tell you and use for you the name by which I was known when last on Earth. I was not the one you think who, at the end, made his own death. I am not he who was a friend of Jefferson's in Paris and yet not a close friend. (He refers to the Marquise Condorcet, as I had then come to the conclusion that 'Monsieur' was this person after reading about him in Jefferson's life and letters. He took his own life, which is what Lafayette refers to as 'making his own death.' That, by the way, is certainly not the way I would say or think of saying it.)

"I, too, was with him in Paris, and in your own United States of America but he was my very dear and intimate friend. I was, Madame, the Marquise de Lafayette, and how very long I have tried to reach you with my identity! Yes, even at first when I came in another guise I would have told you but your mind was closed and I could not enter.

"I was indeed a builder of strong castles in the ancient days of the sweet singers of my country, the troubadours. I designed and built many castles, my own included, but in my last life I followed another path, though I was still of a proud and titled family, as in the twelfth century.

"So, Madame, I bend the knee and give you greeting, and truly I belong with your company, I who had much to do with the saving of your beloved Virginia, with General Washington, with the brilliant mind of Thomas Jefferson and others of that illustrious company. And with you, Madame, who knew us all in that life, but of that I may not tell you for it is not for me to speak of it. Let another speak, if and when he chooses, one of your earlier friends from the plane where I now have my world and live my busy life.

"I am not a scholar as is Jefferson, nor am I a teacher, and I cannot guide the work you are to do with others, but I can help in my small way, Madame, and so will you allow me to come now and then and offer you what assistance and information it is in my power to give?

"Yes, I do wish to work with the great Communication project your famous American inventor, Morse, has been so anxious to build. I do indeed wish to direct the building of the wall, the protection, about it; for I still have my skill in such things though it was not used in my last incarnation on Earth.

"Monticello! You love it, too, as I did. I was a guest there and it was a most enchanting place with its high view and its gardens and the graciousness

of its host. Wait now and see if you do not find that whole locality vibrant with life and power and beauty, as it was when I walked there in a body such as you now wear.

"I must not keep you longer. More shall be expäained to you in time, concerning my contact with you and with your Circle. I am not very much informed as to our space brothers, yet my mind is open to them and I am very keenly aware of the marvels of your age and all that they indicate of new life on earth. Let me bid you adieu, Madame, for now and come again before too long.

Your most obedient servant,
The Marquis de Lafayette"

COMMENT FROM ASTARON

Claudas' space contact, Astaron, then came through to say that he wasnot the one who had brought the Marquis to her "but I stood by and helped. I will make myself known to him in time and let others of our worlds do the same. A most illustrious man and a great soul though not as are the others of that company, not an Initiate, yet on the Path, and not in any way an crdinary intelligence. No, he will not work with many of our projects, not with the School, not with healing, not even with making us known to Earth; but he will aid and direct you and others in another vital way that will be shown you very soon."

She writes that it was Mistyrion, one of her earth mentors, who clarified Lafayette's role in the New Age work that lies ahead for all of us. He is to be a "contact man" for the Circle of Three on Earth, "contacting the minds of those able in any way to help us in the work we are to do." He "brings them into our aura" and paves the way for the acceptance of our communications.

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"ANGEIS OF LIGHT AND DARKNESS" Continued from Page 13

Dr. Holloway and his wife have been carrying on a program of spiritual research for three years, one result of which seems to have been to make her a trance medium for a Mentor who advocates fundamental Christian doctrine in the handling of obsession and related behavior problems. The teachings are given in an advanced class which Dr. Holloway calls "The Upper Room." He says, "In the Name of Jesus dark entities flee. They do not depart in the name of Moses, or Socrates or Darwin or any other wise and good man that has graced the earth!"

Subjects discussed with class members by the Mentor include: How Obsession Works, Superconsciousness, Spirit Control of Mind, Divine Intervention, Subconscious Attunement, Doubt and Materialism, The Tormented Soul, The Sign of the Cross, The Blood of Jesus, Light Dispels Darkness, etc. He says, "An evil one, moving into a person with little light or no light at all, finds it very easy to speak to the subconscious mind. He places questions, causing the person to even doubt the existence of the Deity. . . If you are discerning. . . if you are aggressive in your spiritual work you will move right in. . . Should a Light start growing in the subconscious mind of the obsessed man, the evil one will be forced to move on to another. . . "

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Clips, Quotes & Comments

SKULL-NUGGETERY IN THE SUPERSTITIONS

"A friend of mine here, Bruce Holmes, was up in the Apache country of the 'Dutchman's Lost Mine' several months ago. His son enticed him there with a tale of finding a large gold nugget under a shrub. Close by was evidence of a skirmish, the remains of a knapsack and saddle. The gold nugget imbedded in a piece of ore was good enough for Bruce so he joined his son, in the service in San Diego, over to Arizona they went. They looked over the situation pretty thoroughly when they arrived at the location of the find, high on a ridge in Superstition. Then they heard a bird call like a whipporwill. From another direction there came the call of a dove, then from a third direction the call of a crow! Bruce and his son grabbed their pistols and dove for the shelter of a rock. Out of sight they wormed their way down the mountain side about a quarter ofa mile before looking back. When it was convenient they turned and saw a man looking down at them from the spot they had just left! He appeared to them like an Apache. Bruce wont go back, despite the fact that one of the boys here begs and offers to take him. That boy isn't me; I wont go either!"

Larry LaBarre
Mountain View, California

In the preface to his book "Superstition Mountain and Its Famed Lost Dutchman Mine" Barney Barnard writes that the Apaches "look upon the vein of almost pure gold as their shrine. . . put there by the Thunder Gods of the mountain to be used by them only in times of need." Barnard believes that the Apaches "are not about to let you, me or anyone else anywhere near it, not if they can help it. Few people however, who are content merely to roam the canyons admiring the flora and fauna, are ever molested." My own peaceful trip into Superstition last November seems to verify that. Ed.

NO DOUGH, NO SNOW

Another, quite different example of Indian magic was in Art Ryon's LA Times column for Jan. 4, 1960: "The Winter Olympics people up at Squaw Valley, worried about the unusual lack of snow there (and, I suspect, smelling a publicity gimmick), hired a bunch of Piute Indians from Pyramid Lake down Reno way to come up and give them a Snow Dance. (This is a sort of flaky version of the Rain Dance.) So they came up, ate $80 dollars worth of steaks, drank $60 worth of booze, and then went into their dance. Very colorful -- but no snow. 'Not until we get back to the reservation,' explained the Chief. 'We forgot to bring chains.' Three days later still no snow. Demand from the Chief, 'Where's our dough?' The Olympic people sent it off. Next day - snow!"

TWO GOOD SAUCER SIGHTINGS BY ASSOCIATES

That July 4, 1959 sighting was rather a showing in light, hardly possible to sketch. The light showed exactly over the top of a rounded crest before us, and the significance was that I had so often said "but I never saw one" in UFO meetings. After going up to a 1900 ft. view point so three boys could see some of the fireworks at Santa Cruz we took one lad to his home. In front of us was this round top with a bright "star" above it. Then the car starter wouldn't even buzz and I said "just let it rest a minute." Daughter said, "That's no star!" And we saw it increase in size until it seemed to light up the whole mountain top. Then it faded and brightened again. We called the boy back, with his mother. By then the light was only a pin point and as we showed it to them it disappeared. Three boys and two adults saw the "wax and wane" with a little vertical movement also. In addition to the car stalling there was a vibratory effect that lasted until we got home. We decided this showing was to stop me from say I never saw one.

Dr. H.E.Roy
Ben Lomond, California

Regarding the sighting we had here in the Islands Oct. 27th, friends called me at 5 a.m. that Tuesday morning. My husband and I ran to the Ala Wai canal for an unobstructed view of a huge, stationery, blue-white light high in the sky over Kapahulu way. It made a track on the water as the moon does when full on a clear night. This object was at least a quarter the size of the full tropical moon. Remebering one Donald Menzel's book, I first looked for my beloved star, Venus. She was high in the heavens and very bright. The object we saw was not Venus. We watched it for twenty minutes. It dimmed down to almost zero and enlarged to same size again three times during that period. This was a very eerie light. I could not feel uplifted, only awed by it. Husband Willie admitted it was nothing he could identify and supposed it could correctly be classified a UFO! There wasn't a word in the paper for two days and then only a small item about Hawaiian Sea Frontier receiving many calls about the light which was Venus. I had a chance to compare notes with an Air Force observer from Maui later. He said it was Venus. I told him I also saw Venus in the sky at the same time but he doggedly persisted it was nothing unusual. But another friend who works at the Koko Head Tracking-Station said it was a satellite and would do us no harm. (Our Satellite?)

Mrs. Ruth Helfand
Honolulu, Hawaii

UFO SURVEILLANCE AT OAK RIDGE, 1944

The Knoxville, Tenn., "News-Sentinel" published this World War II Saucer sighting in its Nov. 9, 1959 issue. Columnist Bert Vincent got the details from two former atomic installation employees, Zirkle Nelson and D.I.Brittain, to break security after fifteen years.

"About dark of a mid-September evening in 1944, Nelson was driving from Oliver Springs into Oak Ridge. In the front seat of the car were two other

government workers. About two miles out from Oliver Springs a strange object showed up some 50 feet in front of the car and about the height of the windshield.

"'It was glossy white,' Nelson said, 'and was reflecting a light about 30 feet long and three or four feet wide. When we eased the car up toward it, the light moved slowly away. When we stopped it stopped.'"

"Mr. Nelson says they called some people out of a house there by the road side to see what he and the two men with him were seeing. These people, a woman and some children, were as dumfounded as the three men were. When they drove forward again the light moved forward. Again when they stopped it stopped, but finally it rose high in the air and disappeared over Black Oak Ridge.

"'The FBI was very much interested, at first, that is,' said Nelson. 'Then they seemed to completely lose interest. We presumed that the bureau had contacted the defense authorities and found out that it was some sort of an experiment in remote control conducted by the Army at Oak Ridge.'"

Jack Fincannon
Nashville, Tennessee

AND NOW THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SAUCER COIN

Have been following the UFO and Space developments and have read quite widely among the publications in that field. While accepting a good deal as coming close to what must be the truth, I am on the fence as regards much of the direct contact and mediumship stuff that is being circulated. I am always skeptical concerning claims by self-appointed leaders of their special selection as representatives of the White Brotherhood, the Interplanetary Council, the Coming World Teacher or some other august body. I am inclined to think that all mediums have difficulty in detecting the difference between the subjective consciousness and objective experience. However, I try to keep an open mind because I feel that the whole field of man's consciousness is in a state of flux and many old intellectual foundations are being swept away. . . Interest in Space matters here (in Santa Barbara) is not very strong because the field was so muddied up by the original exploiter of UFO interest -- one Eloise Mellor -- who went off the deep end posing as the special representative of Ashtar, claiming to speak for him and announcing her own selection as a member of the Interplanetary Council and so on. Her chief aide at the time was a young woman who made a strong bid to popularize the Dick Miller "Mon-Ka" tape recordings about which there has always been so much doubt. . . She takes herself too seriously. Her group sponsored a George King lecture when he was here in August. I have a recent copy of his magazine in which he takes most of the space for plugging himself as the sole representative on earth of the Brotherhood. Claims of this kind always leave me cold. That is my chief quarrel with Gerald Light. Why do so many teachers feel it necessary to claim exclusive knowledge and exclusive wisdom. In a recent issue of his new little magazine, Treasure Chest, G.L. takes several pages to damn every other school of teaching, claiming that all of them are giving out false teaching. . I've had all the contactee business I can take. . . Prophecies continue to fly

in all directions but I have abandoned any attitude of expectancy. I held my breath for several months in 1955 (or was it 1956) when Ashtar, communicating through Mrs. Hill, had us on the edge of our chairs awaiting the BIG DAY. One of his messages read, "All is ready! The hour has been set. The Space Men are in command throughout the planet! Let not your hearts be troubled for protection will be provided." Like you, I dont keep any bags packed in anticipation of a move. . .

Frank R.J.Gerard
Santa Barbara, California

Your editor, and many another Associate, agrees with you Frank. I have found through bitter experience that one of the prime characteristics of a phoney is this piece of egocentric hooey, "Of all people on earth I alone have been chosen to bring you this wonderful message from on high. All other claims are false." This is one of the characteristics of the self-deluded psychic and of the psychic racketeer. So many wondering people have come to me in the past few months asking if I believe in this contactee or that contactee that I have finally had to put a lecture together on the problems of genuine and false mediumship, without naming names but giving actual examples out of my own experience. Marcoux writes that he thinks 90% of the contactee stories are baloney and I agree with him. I cant separate the sheep from the goats but I can give Saucer researchers a set of principles by which they can analyze the contactee output themselves. This way they develop discrimination, one of the most important qualities on the Path to Self-Illumination.

NOT A SINGLE CONTACT STORY

I, personally, am not particularly interested in Saucer surmizes, having a vast accumulation of Saucer material and being a member of several Saucer groups now. Like Long John, I do not believe a single "contact" story. Yet I know Saucers exist. The very first time I ever heard of them was when I read a book telling about the "Flying Boats of the Shasta People" in the 1930s. Took a long time for this "theory" to become popular. Well, well, Saucers could never get any lead on the Shaver Mystery. Such books as Bulwer Lytton's "The Coming Race" and "Etidorpha" by John Uri Lloyd (reviewed by the writer in CQC #5, May 15, 1956) have long since projected the "Inside of the Earth" theory and now Ray Palmer and his stretched out story of Admiral Byrd! . . There was one man and wife who saw 200 Saucers a nite. We went out with them. Not one Saucer but we saw the lights they saw, incoming and outgoing planes from a nearby airport! Another person on down the Rappahannock riversaw them; we went down to see. These also diminished, dwindled,, vamoosed -- but dont mistake me, Riley, I believe in Saucers because -- and then I think I saw one myself, once. Anyway, call me when you get to Clara John's on your Eastern trip in April.

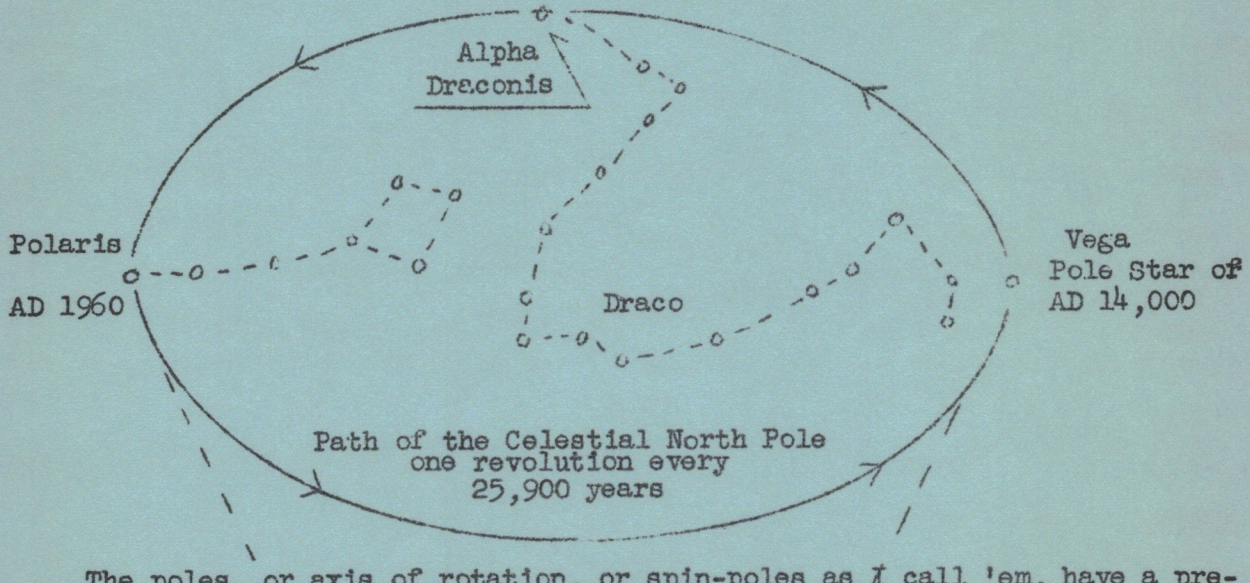
Mary Hyde
Alexandria, Virginia

Clara John, publisher of "The Little Listening Post," 4811 Illinois Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. has invited us to give a talk or two in her new meeting room at her headquarters in the Nation's capitol. We may just do that somewhere around the second week in April. It is high time there was a personal contact with Associates here and there around the country. Ed.

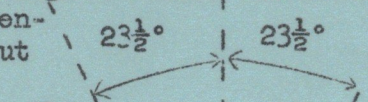
THAT PESKY POLAR FLIP AGAIN

I've done a little research on the motion of the earth's mass. I agree with the Yada di Shi'ite, there wont be a flop-over. In the first place the mass of the polar ice caps taken at 400 billion tons would be about 0.000,006 of the earth's mass, hardly more than a little patch of hoar frost on a steel ball! I doubt very much if the ice caps will have much effect on the earth's motion. But the earth does move in such a way as to bring various parts under the poles at times. The earth is like a giant gyroscope and reacts to the laws of the gyro.

PRECESSION OF THE EQUINOXES



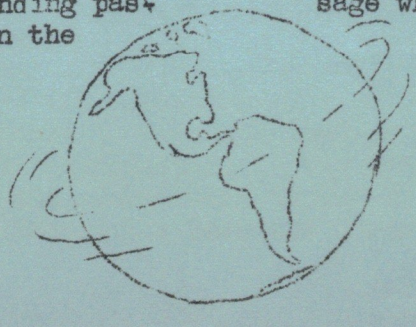
The poles, or axis of rotation, or spin-poles as I call 'em, have a precessing motion with which we are all familiar. Any astronomy text will explain the Precession of the Equinoxes. (Illustration here is from Simon & Schuster's Golden Nature Guide pocket book "Stars," Ed.) But there is a secondary motion there that astronomers have not as yet observed -- I think because it is too small to note in seventy years of observation, being only 2.3 seconds of arc in that time. In this motion it is the spin-pole that moves. The precession circle described by the poles grows slowly larger until the poles lie in the plane of the ecliptic. Then the circle grows smaller until the poles are reversed and perpendicular to the ecliptic. The rate of motion is about .033 seconds per year.



Now we have among the facts one assumption, that is that the Great Pyramid was built as an astronomical observatory and about 54,848 years ago. Some pyramidites tell us the Pole Star peered down the descending passage when it was built. Having the Pole Star shining down the shaft all the time would mean nothing, but find one that would cross the mouth of the shaft every 24 hours and be exactly center

Plane of the Ecliptic

or the Path of the Sun



at exactly midnite at one or the other of the solstices, would make a very good means of measuring the seasons and determining the motion of the earth as well.

The North Star

Now the North Star, Polaris, and Alpha Cepheus are so near the precessional circle the pole points to them, or only seconds away. All the rest are too far away except Draconis. At the present it is 3°3' from the precessional circle. Those are just facts. The ascending passage of the pyramid has a slant of 27° to the horizontal and it is located exactly on the 30th parallel. Thus there is a difference of 3° between the Pole and the point in the heavens at which the passage is aimed. Alpha Draconis comes nearest to this point, and would cross the opening once in 24 hours. And at midnite of the summer solstice would be exactly center in the opening of the passage -- IF Alpha Draconis were just 3° from the precessional circle. But, Alpha Draconis is not just 3° but 3°3' away, question: Has the precessional circle grown larger by 30' in the 54,848 years since the peak of pyramid observations?

3,296 years ago this star was Pole Star but the 30' threw it off center. It was Pole Star also 29,072 years ago and might have served then as observation star. If the precessional circle has expanded 30' in 54,848 years that is approximately .033 seconds per year. One 360° turn in 39 million years, or so it says on my slide rule.

The earth is a gyro but it has no axle. Thus while the spin-poles move in obedience to gyroscopic laws the mass of the earth is free to move about where it lists. The equatorial bulge would tend to prevent it, however, We'll have to figure out some time what the inertial resistance the bulge gives to the polar flip. I dont say it cant flip, there's good evidence that it has at some time or other, but a long time before the ice age. It is an interesting speculation and gets really revealing when you get the logs out and start figuring relative masses, volumes and inertias.

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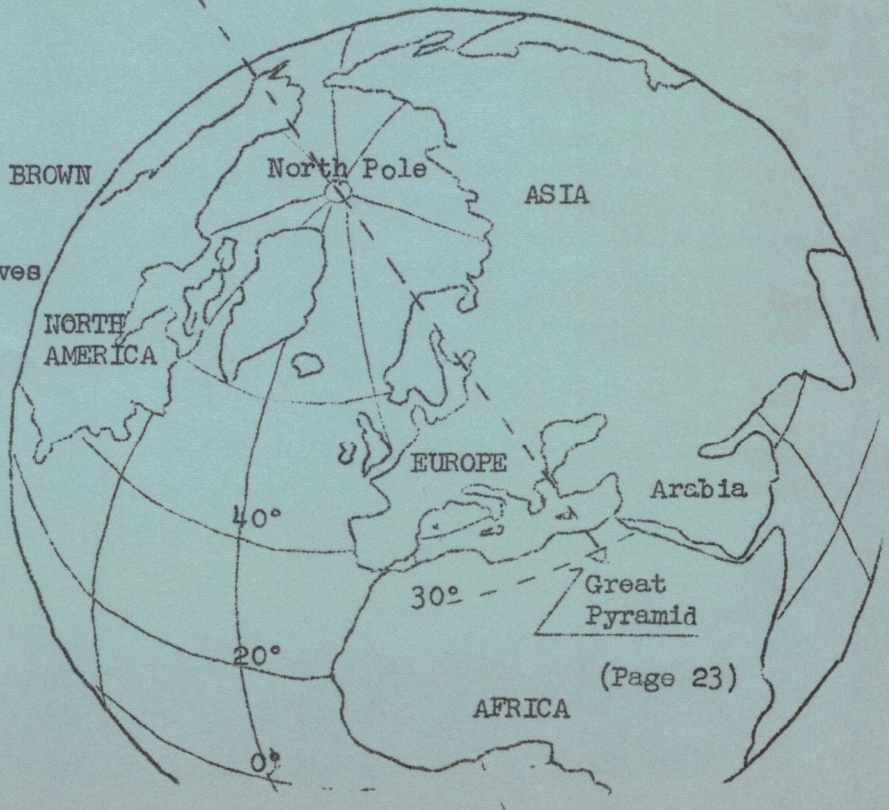
THE LATEST FROM ASSOCIATE BROWN

The geological construction of the earth gives evidence that constant snowfall at both ends of the earth's axis of spin, together with insufficient heat from the sun to melt the resulting glacial ice, have created polar ice caps at successive random areas, and that each time the ice caps of an epoch of time



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grew to maturity, anormal roll-around of the globe has occurred. The motive power was the throw of eccentric centrifugal force, created when the rotating masses were forced to rotate too far off-center, by the wobble of the earth. This overcame the gyroscopic stabilizing effect of the earth's successive equatorial bulges.

Geological evidences of recent ice caps at the North Pole of earth's Axis of Spin:	Sequence of the earth's Epochs of time:	Duration of the successive Epochs of Time in Geological history: (approx)	Years since the recurrences of the Great Cataclysms of the earth: (approx)
NONE (Greenland nearby)	Present Epoch	7,000 yrs.	7,000 yrs.
SUDAN BASIN (Africa)	Epoch #1 B.P.	4,400	11,400
HUDSON BAY (Canada)	" #2 B.P.	7,000	18,400
CASPIAN SEA DEPRESSION	" #3 B.P.	5,000	23,400

Geological estimates of our own Epoch of Time, since the last Great Cataclysm of the earth, are derived from the lengths of the gorges cut by Niagara Falls and St. Anthony's Falls on the Mississippi River at Minneapolis. The upstream creepage rates of these falls are known, approximately, and by dividing the lengths of the gorges by the rates of yearly creepages, with correction for faster creepages at the beginning of the Epoch, when the falls were much higher than now, we get roughly 7,000 years. This agrees approximately with the earliest history of our civilization, which dates back to about 5,000 B.C. The amount of water piled up on the Antarctic continent, each year, by continuous snowfall, would make a wall of ice from New York to Chicago two miles high and one mile wide.

Civilization can be saved from destruction only by an aroused public opinion, clamoring for safety from the impending catastrophe. That, in turn, requires a nationwide distribution of the many facts that confirm the continuous growth of the South Pole Ice Cap. Executives of philanthropic foundations and men of good will are invited to give consideration to supporting this effort.

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Here you have two points of view on Polar movement, the one by Associate Hilliard that movement is sure but almost imperceptible, the other by Associate Brown that movement has always been sudden. Brown's point of view has been supported by the findings of Navy scientists at the South Pole in 1957. These indicate that the Antarctic ice cap is comparatively new in terms of geological time, only ten thousand years old rather than millions of years as previously guessed by geologists. But this doesn't agree with Brown's seven-thousand year cycle.

WHAT SAYS THE YADA?

At public seances the Yada di Shi'ite, head of the Mark Probert Inner Circle, has been quieting people's fears by saying there will be no Polar Flip, at least by the off-center build up of ice at the Antarctic. But he did touch

on the subject of Polar movement during his three-hour talk, Saturday afternoon and evening, May 23, 1959 at George Van Tassel's Space Convention at Giant Rock, California. During his talk the Yada referred to one of the previous speakers on the program who suggested that "there is a certain condition that may take place within your earth in the near future."

"But it does not mean," the Yada said, "you are told the earth is going to be flooded -- put boats at the corner of each block -- get quick please into your boats -- there is going to be a big flood! Now, this would be good for the boat business but it would not be good for you. If anybody wants to make money quick, make boats! Because many people are going to believe they they need these boats. But I say to you, if such a calamitous state struck your earth, such as the world twisting on its axis, no boat will save you.

"Now, these Space Beings, they can take some prople from the earth in the event of a great disaster, but it will not cover all the earth, just part of it. And so they may take you to that part of the earth where the disaster is not taking place, or perhaps is not sobadly affected.

"The earth is not going to flip suddenly. It is going to roll, slowly as it has done before, slowly. We are going to have, not another ice age, but a water age. The earth is heating up. In the upper stratas of the earth there is countless radiation getting through in more pure form, from what is called your ionosphere, and going deep into your earth and causing more rapid decay of the matter of the undercrust of your earth. Now the ices at your Poles are melting much faster now, relatively speaking, than they have at any time in the past. This means that the earth is heating up. Of course when this takes place the ice of the Poles will slide across certain portions of the earth, but surely not all.

THE PRE-POLAR CIVILIZATION

"Under the ices of your Poles there is buried a great, once highly evolved civilization. There are pyramids under the ices of the North and South Poles. At one period of time, where the poles are now, there was not snow and ice there was a tropical condition. If it is not now, it will be discovered in time.

"There will also be some very violent quakes. But, my friends, the earth has been turned and tossed and heaved down through the vast periods of the earth's existence. Man has been on the earth for over two and a quarter billion years, man, not monkeys! Man, while he has been doing lots of things called monkey business, he has been man. Have we not people that we think of as monkeys? Because they are always monkeying around! Hah, hah. (Laughter).

"These Beings have been going down into the depths of the ocean and testing the silt and sub-surfaces at the bottom of your deepest seas, going down into the bowels of the earth and testing conditions there. They have been making attempts, in the earlier years, to absorb some of the deadly radiations that man has been putting into his atmosphere by experimental atomic explosions. But if you keep up this experimenting and the conditions cannot be read fast enough -- then some day YOU aren't here -- there you go! These Beings aren't interested in teaching you more laws, only scientific understanding of life. When you learn that, you will all act morally. . . "

"SHARKS COME, GLACIERS GO -- IS THE WORLD WARMING UP?"

As far back as 1953 the Yada was saying that the Visitors from outer space were probing the depths of the seas and the bowels of the earth, checking on the decay of matter because of increased radiation, cosmic and atomic. Now our government is showing public concern over this condition and the consequent heating up of earth and ocean. The above title, and the following news clip, was sent to us by our friend, Al Kemph, San Anselmo, Calif. from the "Marin Guide" for Aug. 5, 1959:

"Why are sharks appearing in California coastal waters formerly shunned by the killer fishes as too chilly? Why are glaciers retreating, and the incidence of icebergs in northern Atlantic waters increasing? Why did Hawaii experience two years ago its first tropical hurricane in recorded history?

"These evidences show warmer ocean water temperatures may be forerunners of 'a natural disaster unprecedented in civilized times,' if the theories of many leading meteorologists and climatologists prove correct. A staff consultant on the House committee on astronautics and space exploration, reports the U.S.Weather Bureau has embarked on a worldwide research project to test scientific speculation that the earth is gradually getting hotter from the increase of carbon dioxide in the air -- an increase due to the heavy use of fuel energy that began with the industrial revolution in 1800 and has been continued at an ever accelerating rate.

"If the trend continues, 'the ice caps on the poles will begin to melt and the amount of water on the earth will increase,' states University of California 's famed physicist Edward Teller. 'Such places as New York and Holland would be inundated.' Other results would be the transformation of fertile valleys to arid wastes and temperate zones into tropical, the dislocation of populations as land masses shrank, and shifts in world power due to the far greater damage to water-bordered countries than to inland powers. The temperature rise necessary to produce coastal flooding would not have to be very great in absolute terms. Two or three degrees centigrade over several centuries might raise ocean levels anywhere from 50 to 100 feet.

"A higher temperature rise would do the same thing in less time. And some scientists believe the 'beginning date of danger' is as imminent as the late 1970s. If it is established that carbon dioxide is dangerously warming up the world, then the only alternative to accepting disaster would be to ban present fuels and develop new energy sources to take their place. But the prospect of global disruption in terms of changes in political, economic and living patterns is scarcely less ominous.

"Scientists point out, too, that a 'benign alternative power' does not now exist. The use of atomic nuclear reactors on a scale sufficient to replace the burning of fossile fuels (coal and oil) would probably be more dangerous in terms of increased radio-activity than the present threat from increased carbon dioxides."

Before leaving this awesome subject of polar movement and worldwide cataclysm let's go back to November, 1952 for one more comment.

THE POLAR FLIP IN "MY CONTACT WITH FLYING SAUCERS"

A Brazilian writing under the pen name Dino Kraspedon has published an account of his conversations with a Flying Saucer captain in the fall of 1952. The subject of polar movement came up more or less by accident during their discussion of "The Aberration of Light," in Chapter 8 of the book. The Captain was explaining the tendency of the North Pole, because of the greater land mass in the Northern Hemisphere, to move to the outside of the spiral track the earth describes as it moves through space in its orbit around the sun.

"This tendency throws one pole to the outside of the spiral track and pulls the other to the inside of it," the Captain told Kraspedon, "this in turn causes the Equator to alter its position in relation to the Sun, without any alteration in the angle of the axial inclination itself."

"This means that there is no actual annual variation in the axial inclination?" Kraspedon asked.

"At the moment there is not, but it could happen, and that would be a catastrophe the like of which you have never witnessed in modern times. It has happened in the course of the Earth's history, and many lands vanished to the bottom of the oceans. . . It is well known that radio-activity repels magnetism, so that the atomic fall-out at the North Pole will cause a rise in temperature owing to the influence of the magnetic field there, and this in turn will cause the ice-cap to melt, thus bringing about a reduction in the mass at the North Pole. . . This reduction in the mass at one pole will affect the amount of centrifugal force developed, thus altering the inclination of the earth's axis. When this happens land will emerge from the Pacific ocean, and from the North and South Atlantic. . . It is the earth's rotation that creates the centrifugal force that forms the continents. The present angle of 23° is responsible for the existence of land masses in the northern hemisphere; if the angle of inclination is altered, then land masses will appear in other places, until the proper balance is restored. Some continents will reappear; the north of Russia, Greenland and the north of Canada will disappear. The mean level of the continents will be slightly lower, but there will be no general cataclysm."

"This would come about only very gradually, would it not?"

"The process would be slow until the North Pole reaches a high enough temperature to cuase a widespread thaw, then it could happen in a night. I believe it could happen sometime between 1968 and 1972. It will be brought home to you by a tremendous earthquake that will shake the Earth to its foundations. . . you should at least try to balance off the radioactivity at the poles, so that there is an equal thaw at both South and North Poles; this will prevent any undue unbalance in the mass and the Earth's spiral movement will remain unaffected. If you notice that the oceans of the northern hemisphere are getting warmer than usual, or that the ocean currents are beginning to change their course, then stop letting off bombs in the northern hemisphere -- be reasonable at least! "

So, there you have it Associates, regardless of which hypothesis appeals or repels you the most -- the off-center pile up of ice at the South Pole, or

the too-fast melting of ice at the North Pole -- our old earth is a delicately balanced sphere floating in the all-embracing ethers of the Creator. When He decides it is time for the Earth to "turn over in bed" after laying in one position for ten thousand years, it will happen. The balance scales are in His hands. It is a fact that the oceans of the Northern Hemisphere are warming slightly, perhaps you can take comfort in this news item from Reuters, in the LA Times for Jan 10, 1960:

"A South African scientific expedition has arrived at Queen Maude Land (on the African side of the Antarctic continent) after a five-week voyage through some of the thickest Antarctic ice in several years."

To your editor this indicates that the flow of icebergs from the South Polar continent is accelerating, even as Associate Brown has hoped for all these years!

SPECIAL NOTICE!!!

Associates wishing to write a personal letter to our former Director, Meade Layne, should address their correspondence to his home, 3615 Alexia Place San Diego 16, California. This saves your editor the embarrassment of opening Meade's personal mail, of re-addressing it to him, or of holding it until the next trip to San Diego from Vista -- about once a month! Remember, anything sent to the old Adams Ave. address will automatically be forwarded to ESRA Headquarters here in Vista, forty miles from San Diego.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT REMINDER

Mark and Irene Probert should be contacted directly for anything concerning Mark's trance-lectures for the Inner Circle. Through their Kethra E Da Foundation they have all responsibility for transcribing, printing, publishing and distributing the seance material. Any request for information concerning their work will have to be forwarded to them for answer, so you might as well save me the trouble of having to forward the request, and save yourself time, by writing to the Proberts directly at 931 - 26th St., San Diego 2, Calif. The only seance material ESRA has is the pre-1955 transcripts produced by Meade Layne with Mark's permission. From time to time we may quote briefly from trance-lectures given publicly by Mark at current Flying Saucer conventions here in Southern California, but complete tapes or transcripts of these lectures will have to be obtained from the Proberts, ask them, dont ask us!

FUTILE LOOK FOR A BOOK

Here's an urgent request for a book, perhaps one of the Associates might be willing to lend their copy, or know where a copy could be borrowed or bought. It is: Casinova de Seingalt's "Eight Years Among The Inhabitants Of The Globe." If you know write to Associate:

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2006 No. Las Palmas
Hollywood 28, Calif.

BELATED NEW YEAR GREETING, AND ORDER, FROM SWEDEN

Enclosed is cheque for two copies of The Coming of the Guardians and one each of FS and America's Destiny, and FS and the New Consciousness. Enclosing our New Year greetings to friends all over the globe, sorry, but no time for correspondence -- not sufficient hands or financial means to carry on our information work here.

AN IDEAL PRAYER

No other gifts, dear God, I ask
But only sense to see
How best these precious gifts to use
Thou has bestowed on me.
Give me all fears to dominate
All holy joy to know
To be the friend I wish to be,
To speak the truth I know
To love the pure, to seek the good
To lift with all my might
All souls to dwell in harmony
In freedom's perfect light.

Edith C.M. Nicolaisen
PARTHENON
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TWO REMINDERS FROM PEGGY "CLAUDAS" LEGRAND

I was thrilled to see the Space Invocation on the front of Round Robin but it should not have had the Tibetan's name signed to it. It is not his alone any more than is the Great Invocation, though it comes from the same general area of thought. It is a powerful invocation as is the Great Invocation and like it should bear no one name of any Being.

The science editor of the New York Herald Tribune announced recently over TV that a group in Green Bank, West Virginia would try contacting beings from other planets shortly after the first of the year. Green Bank is about five miles over the border of Virginia and 35 miles north of Hot Springs. An article in the paper says Green Banks is the location of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory. It has an 85 ft. antenna. This article says the government has launched a project which will try to discern artificial radio signals from worlds in outer space. This is called Project Ozma -- from the Land of Oz, I suppose.

I am mailing ten copies of Part II of ASTARON to you Monday (Jan 18) as soon as I have the copyright papers notarized and mailed. . . Part II is still $2.50 although 17 pages longer than Part I. Perhaps later we can get a publisher to put a one volume edition in hard covers if the demand warrants it.

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